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1. The area north of the "Rabenstein" Forest near ROCHRSDOERF (N 51/K 56) was prospected for uranium ores. The presumed course of the vein located was said to run in the direction of MITTELIDA (N 51/K 67).

End of June 1949

2. a. New prospecting activities of the Wismuth Corporation were under way near ROCHRSDOERF. About 80 men were employed until 5 June 1949. The new vein is said to run in the direction of RUMIG (N 51/K 47).

b. Following the concentration of administrative agencies of the Wismuth Corporation in SIEGMAR-SCHOENAU (N 51/K 55), a laboratory was established in the former "Adam" Textile Factory in GRUSNA (N 51/K 55).

3. 28 July 1949

a. About eight hundred German miners and about two hundred Soviets were employed in digging new uranium mine shafts in the "Rabenstein" Forest west of RABENSTEIN (N 51/K 59).

b. The new object is said to extend as far as LIEBACH (N 51/K 56) and HOHLNBERG (N 51/K 55).

Comment:

a. Various reports on prospecting activities in the "Rabenstein" Forest have been forwarded. However, source [REDACTED] stated in previous report that these activities in the "Rabenstein" Forest are merely grading work for projected new administration buildings of the Wismuth

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b. Both statements are probably correct. Prospecting activities are part of the routine geological research in the Canon Uranium Mining District and building activities in the shifted center of the Wismuth Corporation may be under way.

c. Prospecting reported in the NONENOTLIN/BRNSTHAL-
LINBAOH-Siedlung Area are still exploratory activities and, according to available information, are not yet large-scale operations.

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